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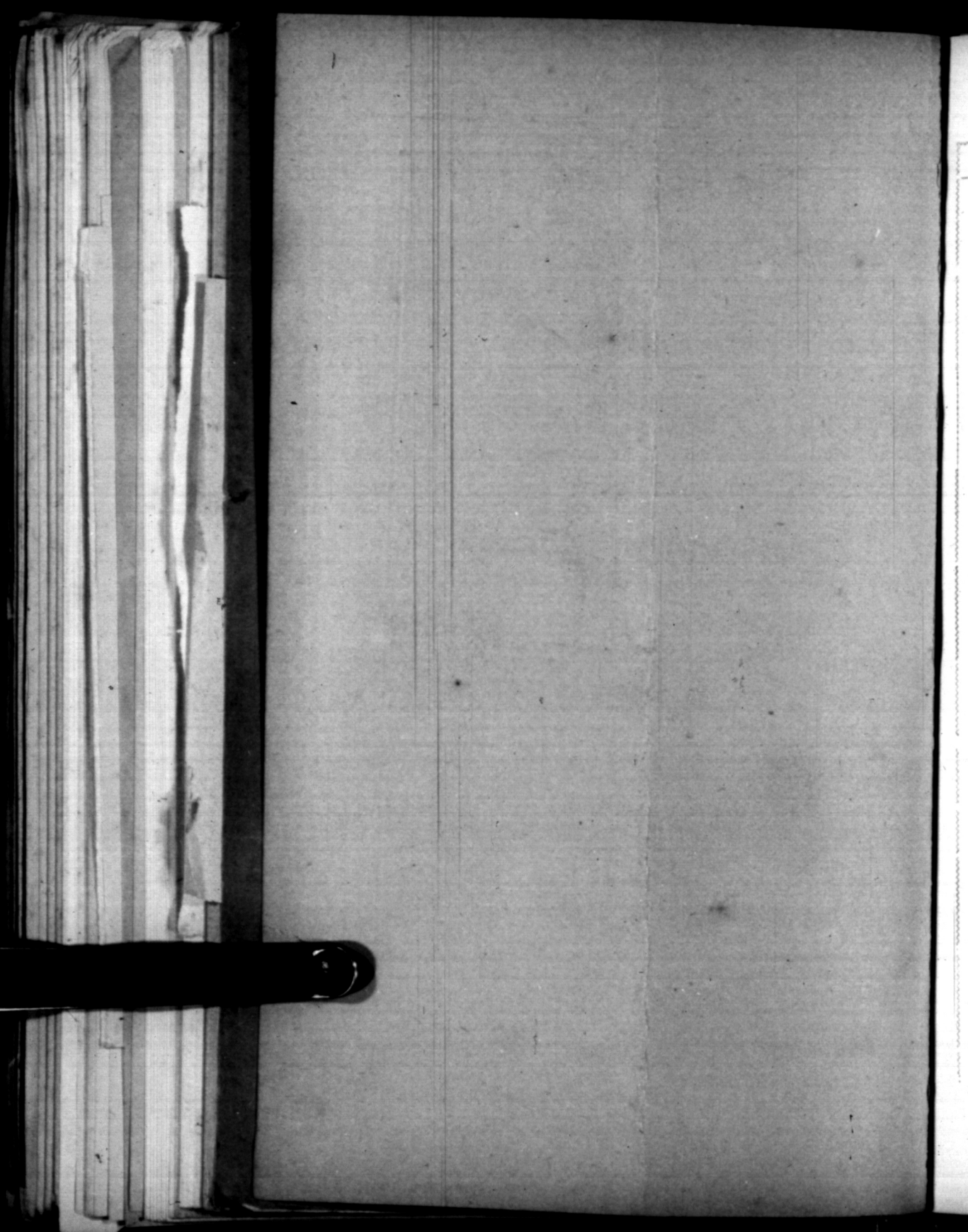
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OXFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventeenth Anniversary

OF THE

Oxford Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Pope Baptist Church,

PANOLA CO., MISS.,

Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

Sept. 9th, 10th and 11th, 1886.

OFFICERS:

S. R. LAMB.....	ELLIOTT'S MILL.....	MODERATOR
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General Education: T. K. Roby and E. P. Collins.
Publications: E. D. Rowe and G. W. Hollowell.
Temperance: H. W. Rockette and C. Crosby,
Church History: J. H. Collins.

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LICENTIATES.

J. T. Mabry.....Harrison.

NEXT MEETING.

Time—Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept., 1887.
Place—Water Valley, Yallobusha County, Mississippi.
Introductory Sermon—J. H. Collins
Alternate—H. W. Rockette

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THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Oxford Baptist Association held its Seventeenth Annual Session with the Pope church September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1886. The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Eld. R. G. Hewlette, from Phillippians 1st-21st.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator. After singing, Eld. S. D. Jones led in prayer.

Letters of churches were called for and Moderator appointed Eld. H. W. Rockette and Bro. T. D. Childress as reading clerks.

On motion of H. W. Rockette, R. G. Hewlette was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for the following officers for the ensuing year, viz: Bro. S. R. Lamb, Moderator, J. H. Collins, Clerk, and E. G. Leigh, Treasurer.

The Moderator then declared the Association permanently organized and appointed deacons of Pope church and deacons C. Crosby and D. W. Patterson committee on Devotional Exercises.

By motion of T. D. Childress the order of business, governing this body at its last session, was again adopted.

The following corresponding messengers were received: From Yallobusha Oxford Association Eld. W. I. Hargis, Bro. Thos Moore; from Coldwater Association, Eld. S. D. Johns, and J. H. Collins reported a very pleasant and profitable meeting with the Yallobusha Oxford Association.

Finance Committee appointed were J. W. Higginbotham, A. T. Bobo, J. J. Rotenberry.

Committee on Devotional Exercises, announce that Eld. W. I. Hargis will preach to-night.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by J. H. Collins.

[A] *Report on Foreign Missions.*

The Savior say: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," and again, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Are we not commanded to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and failing to do our duty in this respect are we not unmistakably evincing our want of love for the master? Oh! dear brethren

"Shall we whose souls are lighted, by wisdom from on high,
Shall we to man benighted, the lamp of life deny?"

and yet claim to be Christians? What sinful covetousness in the man who would hold his own pitcher to the free fountain and yet refuse the overflowings of the water of life to his dying fellow-man. He surely has none of the spirit of his divine Lord and Master. We believe that God holds every Christian in the world responsible for the salvation of every sinner in the world, who may possibly be saved through human instrumentality; whether that sinner be near at hand or far off, providing only that he can be reached at all. How great then, is the responsibility resting upon us as Christians, to give the pure gospel to "earth's remotest nation." The condition of soul prosperity and of church prosperity as laid down in God's word is, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing" saith the Lord. And what tithes can we bring, but our prayers and our free-will offerings to Christ and His cause? And brethren, the success of the Foreign Mission work is a blessed assurance to us that the Master has set the seal of His approbation upon the work. Let us study it more. Let us pray for it and our Missionaries in heathen lands more, and then let us give more liberally to sustain and carry on this grand and glorious work, and our own souls shall be made fat, perishing souls saved, and God's name and banner exalted in the earth.

"The morning light is breaking,
The darkness disappears,

The sons of earth are waking,
To penitential tears."

and we want every church and every member of each church in the Oxford Association to awake to a sense of their duty and their responsibility in this matter. Oh! Brethren, we have but just begun to live, when we do our duty in sending the gospel to foreign lands.

In conclusion we want to urge, to beseech, the brethren to subscribe for and read the *Foreign Mission Journal*, it will help them in many ways, it will make them better Christians it will make them more liberal in their contributions, and more devoted to the cause of our dear Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted

J. H. COLLINS, }
H. B. GOWAN, } Committee

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT, BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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habitants each, await the gospel. Now life is safe and travel cheap. Six
per cent. of the moneys given to missions now pays the way of Missionaries
to and from the field. The success of mission is also everywhere good—
twice as good as in the home field—and sometimes astonishingly great.
Thus among the Telogoos, in 45 years 26,000 converts have been made,
hewn out of the rock, and gathered into Baptist churches, mostly self-
supporting. The vast multitudes of the heathens also appeal to us. Now
500,000,000 souls have but a very little gospel light, while 75,000,000 have
none at all. Of these last 25,000,000 die every year, and in 30 years they
will all have gone to the judgment.

Stirred by these facts Baptists in other parts and other denominations are
making great efforts to obey Christ's command to give these souls the gos-
pel. They raised last year nearly \$10,000,000 for missions, have now 3,700
men and 2,500 women missionaries and 850,000 converts from heathenism, of
whom 50,000 were baptized last year.

OUR OWN MISSION—Our own board increased the number of its Mis-
sionaries last year from 21 to 29 men and from 26 to 30 women. W. J.
David and wife in Africa, J. H. Eager in Italy, and E. Z. Simmons in Chi-
na, went from our own State. Our Chinese missions have suffered a loss of
nearly 100 members during the past two years; this has arisen probably from
the war between China and France. In other missions our gain in members
has been large thus in Mexico it rose from 190 to 270 last year, in Brazil
from 113 to 140 in Italy from 250 to 288: total baptized 169 membership
1370. Our contributions to missions have also increased from \$71,000 in
1885 to \$78,000 in 1886. Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and Texas in-
creased their gifts to missions last year from one to two thousand dollars
each, Mississippi increased her's about \$500. But this increase does not near
meet the necessities of the work, and unless much more is raised this year, the
work will be greatly embarrassed.

MORE LABORERS WANTED—Besides the 12 new Missionaries sent out
last year, many more are wanted this year. Bro. Powell wants men for 5
cities in Mexico of 50,000 inhabitants each. Bro. Taylor in Brazil wants
men for Minas Geraes and Pernambuco. Bros Eubank, in Africa want
men, Br. Yates wants many men for the great cities of the interior of Chi-
na, while Japan with 36,000,000 people is begging for Missionaries and
teachers from civilized lands. The need of Christian workers among the
heathens is now exceedingly great, and 40,000 men would not be too many.
Brethren, we are commanded by Christ to preach the gospel to the heathen.
It is not a matter of choice with us but a duty laid upon us. We are com-
manded to "go teach all the nations" Mat. 28, and to be witnesses for Christ
to the uttermost parts of the earth, Acts 1-8, and we are able to do it, and to

do it now if we wanted to. We have men enough and money enough, and the way is open, and Christ Himself is going before us. He is pulling down the very mountains, and filling up the valleys, taking every difficulty away that we cannot remove. Brethren the whole world is the field for the toils and prayers of every child of God, that our churches exist largely for the purpose of giving the gospel to the heathen, that the daily praying for and working for missions is well pleasing to Christ is a great destroyer of covetousness, envy, evil speaking, lust, and every vile passion, is a promoter of every virtue and grace, and an inestimable blessing to the perishing heathen. Your Vice-President asks that this address be printed in your minutes, and that the Association take some steps towards arousing the churches to their duty in giving the gospel to the heathen, and in raising such contributions this year for missions as will please God and discharge their duty in the matter.

GEORGE WHITE, ELDER, V. P., B. F. M.

X The subject of the report was discussed by J. H. Collins, R. G. Hewlette, W. I. Hargis, H. W. Rockette and C. Crosby after which the following pledges were made for Foreign Missions, viz:

Antioch.....	8 5 00
Bethany.....	15 00
Clear Creek.....	25 00
Concord.....	5 00
Courtland.....	10 00
Liberty Hill.....	3 00
Mt Gilead.....	5 00
Big Springs.....	5 00
Pope.....	10 00
Pilgrims Rest.....	6 00
Troy.....	2 00
Water Valley.....	10 00
Yellow Leaf.....	5 00
Yocona.....	5 00
Total.....	\$111 00

After which report was adopted.

A resolution was passed, calling Association together at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 11 a.m. for preaching, meeting again at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

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in Ark., and gave us briefly a sketch of his surroundings, tem-
porally and spiritually in his new home. His talk was enjoyed
by all. On motion Association adjourned.
Benediction by E. D. Rowe.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Moderator read a portion of God's word and Eld. E. D.
Rowe led in prayer.
Association called to order by the Moderator.
The following report of the Executive Board was read by
S. R. Lamb.

[B] Report of Eeeccutive Board.

Your Executive Board regret as usual, that nothing has been
done. We had our first meeting at Concord during the session
of the Association, all seemed to be enthusiastic, and each mem-
ber of the Board was instructed to find out how much his church
was willing to pledge.

Our next meeting was at Good Hope Saturday before first
Sunday in October, when about \$300 00 was pledged. We could
not find a man to take the work for that amount. Our object
was to secure the services of Eld. R. G. Hewlette, but we failed
to raise money enough to justify him to devote his whole time
to the work. We would recommend that you try to effect an
arrangement with the State Board and get some work done in
our bounds.

Respectfully submitted, S. R. LAMB.

The subject of the report was discussed by S. R. Lamb E. D.
Rowe H. B. Gowan, R. G. Hewlette H. W. Rockette W. I. Har-
gis and S. D. Johns, during which various plans and sugges-
tions were made, looking to the feasibility of our securing a
missionary to labor in the bounds of our Association, after which
the report was adopted.

On motion moderator appointed, H. W. Rockette, and J.
H. Collins a Committee to write a memorial notice of Bro. D. J.
Burgess to be published in the minutes.

Report of State missions was then read by R. G. Hewlette

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[C] *State Missions.*

At the Baptist State Convention of last year the various denominational interests of the State were merged into the hands of one corresponding Secretary viz:

Bro. J. B. Gambrell and from his report of the past year's work, made to the Convention at Meridian, the following, in regard to State Missions is taken.

No. of laborers employed.....	43
Days of service.....	3384
Miles traveled.....	35921
Sermons preached.....	1229
Prayer meetings attended.....	300
Religious visits.....	2974
Baptized.....	204
Received by letter.....	88
Restored to fellowship.....	17
Churches organized.....	7
Sunday Schools organized.....	15
Addresses delivered.....	144
Pages of tracts distributed.....	37400
Subscribers obtained for Record.....	83
Money collected on field for State missions.....	897 90
Houses of worship built.....	6
Money expended on churches.....	\$3665 00

Sister Nelson's work in New Orleans under the "Home Mission Board" but supported by Mississippi Baptists, reported as follows: Days of service 273, miles traveled 1490, Tracts distributed 1,000, Visits made 1047, Industrial Schools attended 84, Prayer meetings 67, Mission meetings 24, other meetings 67, Sermons attended 100, Sabbath Schools 136, Garments distributed 508, Money collected from the Schools \$16.55, sent to Home Board \$11.50, State Road \$5.05. State Missions is a very important work, and we would recommend our churches to aid it by their contributions and prayers.

Respectfully, R. G. HEWLETTE, Ch. Com.

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On Motion adjourned for preaching by Eld. W.I. Hargis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by C. Crosby
Resumed discussion of State Missions. W. I. Hargis, call-
ed for pledges for same. with following result.

Antioch.....	\$ 2 50	Mount Gilead.....	10 00
N. J. Benson and		Pope	10 00
M. M. Randolph.....	5 00	Pilgrim's Rest	4 00
Bethany	20 00	Troy	2 50
Clear Creek	25 00	Water Valley.....	10 00
Concord	5 00	Yellow Leaf.....	10 00
Courtland.....	5 00	Yocona.....	5 00
Good Hope.....	10 00		
Liberty Hill.....	2 00	Total.....	\$126 00

The report was then adopted.

The Moderator then appointed the Executive Board, (for
names see Directory)

Resolved, That the Executive Board for the ensuing year
be located at Pope. Adopted.

On motion of H. W. Rockette the regular order of busi-
ness was suspended and the Clerk requested to read a commu-
nication sent to the Association from Bro. Whitfield in regard
to Foreign Missions. After reading of letter the regular order
of business was resumed and report on Sabbath Schools was
read by E. M. Thornton

[D] Sabbath Schools.

We, Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to sub-
mit the following report: It is needless for us to say that Sun-
day Schools are right, or necessary, for that is a fact now almost
universally conceded. We think there is nothing more neces-
sary to the present welfare or future happiness of our children,
than properly conducted Sabbath Schools, except the preaching
of the gospel. We think also, that grown up people, even pa-
rents are benefitted by attending the Sabbath School. The
greatest obstacle in the way of the progress of Sabbath Schools
and the greatest drawback to the successful prosecution of Sun-
day Schools is, in the humble judgment of your committee, the

neglect of parents in this matter. If we could only induce fathers and mothers to see and realize the responsibilities resting upon them, surely they would manifest a deeper interest in the Sunday School cause. Then our schools will be largely attended by the children, and verily the death blow will be given to the desecration of the Sabbath and many other kindred vices and then would Christian people begin to feel like the millennial day had really dawned. We insist that this matter be pressed till every church within our bounds organize a Sabbath School. Respectfully submitted. E. M. THORNTON.

The report was spoken to by R. G. Hewlette, J. H. Collins, T. K. Roby, W. I. Hargis, and H. W. Rockette, and on motion of H. W. Rockette the report was amended by inserting the words "except the preaching of the gospel" after schools in the 6th line, after which the report was adopted.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to morrow.

Benediction by R. G. Hewlette.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Devotional exercises with the usual opening by reading of Scripture, singing and prayer led by W. I. Hargis. Report on Publications was read by J. W. Higginbotham.

[E] Report on Publications.

Brethren, we your Committee on Publication submit the following as our report: In the humble opinion of your Committee, this is a subject of great importance and deserves the careful attention of Conventions, Associations, and individual members of our churches.

It has been truthfully said that "the pen is mightier than the sword" and as we see how largely the many periodicals and different productions of the press, tend to influence the actions and shape the aims and ends of men's lives, the more fully are we impressed with the truth of the above aphorism. And Brethren believing that a corrupt fountain cannot send forth pure healthful water and that a corrupt press cannot possibly disseminate a pure, healthful christian literature, we deem it of

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and commonly called the Holy Bible. We recommend this first
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people to read.

The next in importance, and which we recommend to this
body and Baptists generally are such other productions as enun-
ciate and teach the doctrines and practices of the above named
book of books.

Now, as such we recommend *The Baptist Record*, publish-
ed at Jackson "*The Tennessee Baptist*" published at Memphis,
"*The Foreign Mission Journal*" at Richmond to all desiring in-
formation about Foreign Missions, and "*Kind Words*" at Atlanta
for Sunday Schools, and having used it and known something
of its merits we confidently recommend it to the Baptist broth-
erhood at large.

And as a true and fearless exponent of prohibition and the
grand principles of temperance we recommend to all "*The*
Sword and Shield" at Jackson. Now hoping this matter may
receive from you that attention which its importance demands,
our report is Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM. }
J. D. WOODRUFF, } Committe.

Amendment: We also recommend for good Baptist literature
"*The American Baptist Publication Society*" at Philadelphia.
H. W. Rockette. Adopted. The above report was ably, earnest-
ly and faithfully discussed by R. G. Hewlette followed by H. W.
Rockette, S. R. Lamb, E. W. Barton and J. H. Collins, and the
report adopted, also the amendment by H. W. Rockette.

H. W. Rockette then read the following:

[F] Report on General Education.

We live in a progressive age, and if we would keep pace
with the progress of the times, we must not allow our interest
in education to weaken. There is no greater factor than this,
in molding character and guiding the morals of a people.

All the important responsible positions in the gift of the people, demand well trained minds to discharge their functions. Baptists have won a high place in educational work and we cannot afford to lose our prestige. In the number of schools, instructors and students we are leading all other religious denominations. In the United States we have 87 colleges, seminaries, female colleges, &c., with nearly 700 instructors and over 10 000 students. Thus we prove ourselves truly, the friends of education. For higher education we recommend for boys, the State University at Oxford, and Mississippi College at Clinton, and for girls, we recommend Warren Female Institute at Oxford and Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, Miss. Let us urge the young everywhere to avail themselves of these facilities.

H. W. ROCKETTE.

The author, T. K. Roby, R. G. Hewlette, M. R. Ham and W. I. Hargis participated in the discussion and then the report was adopted.

Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by R. G. Hewlette.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. H. Collins. Report on Temperance was handed in by C. Crosby and read by the clerk.

[G] *Report on Temperance.*

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: Intemperance is a maelstrom situated in the midst of the great sea of pleasure. Not one path alone, leads to this gulf of woe; not one only current as too many have supposed hurries down this dark abyss, but all around on every side, the waters tend downward. There are a thousand currents leading in, some more rapidly than others, some rush in more quickly and bear down all who ride upon their waters, to quick and certain ruin; others glide more smoothly, but none the less surely to that great end. The streams of intemperance are legion. The allurements that lead downward are equally numerous. Every appetite, lust, passion and feeling, holds out

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various allurements to intemperate indulgence. The dangers
 from this source are fearful and eminent and spreading on
 every hand. And we your Committee are of the belief that a
 deliverance from the grasp of this monster must consist in teach-
 ing our children to heed the divine injunction to "touch not,
 taste not, handle not, for wine is a mocker and strong drink is
 raging." Then would religion assert her mild and gentle sway,
 and men would resist the tempter because of the spirit of Christ
 that dwelleth in them, then a new heaven and a new earth
 would surround us with beauty and arch over with glory, for
 the old would have passed away. Respectfully submitted,

C. CROSBY.

Temperate and intemperate speeches followed the reading
 of above report, some on Temperance, and Intemperance and
 Prohibition, self-government, &c., participated in by C. Crosby,
 J. W. Higginbotham, H. W. Rockette, W. I. Hargis and J. H.
 Collins, and adopted.

[H] *Treasurer's Report.*

Received for Minutes.....	\$31 50
Received for Foreign Missions.....	56 80
Received for State Missions.....	17 65
Received for Ministerial Education.....	10 00
Received for Associational Missions.....	10 50

Total.....\$126 45

Paid D. J. Burgess.....	\$31 50
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Paid J. B. Gambrell Ministerial Education.....	10 00

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Balance on hand.....\$10 50

El G. LEIGH, Treasurer.

On motion of H. W. Rockette, the balance in hands of
 Treasurer was turned over to Executive Board.

[I] *Report of Finance Committee.*

Was read and adopted as follows:

Received for Minutes.....	\$33 05
Received for Foreign Missions	6 62
Received for State Missions.....	51 05
Total.....	\$90 72

Respectfully submitted, J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,
J. J. ROTENBERRY.

Resolved, That where the word "fifty" occurs in the 2nd Article of the Constitution, strike it out and insert the word "twenty-five," and where the word "five" occurs, strike it out and insert the word "eight." Adopted

Resolved, That the clerk have as many copies of Minutes printed as money will pay for, and leave it discrecional with him as to printing Bro. Geo. Whitfields report. Adopted.

Resolved, That any member of our Association be authorized to represent us in any body with which we correspond

After calling and correcting the roll, singing "Sweet By and By" and extending the "parting hand" the Association adjourned to meet with the Water Valley church at 10 o'clock a.m., Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1887.

J. H. COLLINS, Clerk

S. F. LAMB, Moderator.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Call for Petitionary
- 2 Receive Corresponding Messengers
- 3 Receive reports of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies
- 4 Appoint a Finance Committee
- 5 Receive report of Executive Board
- 6 Appoint Executive Board
- 7 Receive reports of Standing Committees
- 8 Receive Treasurer's Report
- 9 Received Report of Finance Committee
- 10 Appoint Standing Committee
- 11 Appoint a place of next meeting of the Association
- 12 Appoint a Brother to preach Introductory Sermon
- 13 Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions
- 14 Call and Correct the Roll
- 15 Adjourn.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and to unite their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both at home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall also be the aim of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools: also the interest of general education and more especially the education of the ministry. All christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement, among which the support of superannuated and worn out ministers will receive especial attention.

ART. 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches ~~20~~ and one delegate for every additional ~~50~~. Provided, In no case shall any church have more than ~~two~~ delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates present representing churches shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with the number of members in fellowship; the number baptized; received by letter; rest red; dismissed by letter; excluded, and died during the year.

ART. 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting, will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting; and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into the cause of such failure.

ART. 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to live and act in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegates and letters.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a Moderator Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the names of the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

ART. 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

ART. 8. The same individual shall not be chosen Moderator more than three years in succession.

ART. 9. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules, or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter of correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 10. This Association may correspond by letter and messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. This Association shall, at its annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity. Any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association, when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose shall meet as often as its Chairman shall deem necessary. An annual report of

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ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present; Provided, The proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall have same privilege of speech as any other member of the body provided he call some brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of a tie.

ART. 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be by the Moderator put to the vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

ART. 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

ART. 7. Every member in addressing the body must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection.

ART. 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

ART. 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

ART. 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during the hours of business, without leave from the Moderator.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, and submit the same for the correct on of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of all proceedings of the body.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys presented for Associational purposes and pay them over by the order of the body.

ART. 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rule of the Association, a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

ART. 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session and absentees without permission, shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator

NOTE—The committee on obituary of Bro. D. J. Burgess failed to get proper dates, and so could not prepare it.—CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastor	Clerk	Post Office	County	Days of Meeting	Baptized	Ke'd by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Incidentals	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Sunday Schools	Minister's Educat'n	Minutes	Total Contribution
Antioch	C C Greer	M M Randolph	Courtland	Panola	3d	6	3	3	31	2	2	45	65	two	two	1620			150	7050
Bethany	H W Rockette	D W Patterson	Harrison	Tallapoche	3-4	3	1	1	1	1	1	103	300	50	00	20			360	30080
Clear Creek	J L Johnson	W C Massey	Welcometon	Lafayette	2-3	12	1	1	10	5	5	100	157	14	00	264	770	5	235	23275
Concord	GW Hollowell	I W Higginbotham	Faylor's Depot	Lafayette	4	10	9	7	10	2	2	83	83	34	5		1377		two	2077
Courtland	W I Hargis	S P Caniser	Courtland	Panola	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	34	140	26	00	10			150	
Good Hope	H W Rockette	J D Woodruff	Batesville	Panola	3	7	4	4	1	1	1	2	108	161	124	10			3	18750
Liberty Hill	J H Collins	S A Morris	Pope	Panola	2	23	1	1	1	1	1	89	50						170	5170
Mount Gilead	H L Johnson	E W Barton	Water Valley	Yalobusha	2	3	3	4	9	1	1	56	150	105878	10	5	1656	two	3	124334
Pope	H W Rockette	J H Collins	Panola	Panola	3	3	9	2	5	2	2	39	50						150	5650
Pilgrim's Rest	GW Hollowell	W M Vanderburg	Reynolds	Panola	1	8	2	2	4	2	13	16						1	3	
Springport	C C Greer	E F Wallace	Water Valley	Panola	2	3	3	3	4	1	1	136							150	150
Troy	C C Greer	W S Simmons	Cent'r Academy	Panola	1	31	17	3	14	1	1	54	100						250	5880
Water Valley	J T Zealy	E L Knight	Water Valley	Yalobusha	2-4	3	1	1	2	2	2	54	100						two	117
Yellow Leaf	W I Hargis	E L Knight	Yalobusha	Lafayette	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	28	50						1	56
Yucana	No Pastor	G M Alvis	Taylor's Depot	Lafayette	21	107	53	18	65	18	14	978	1125	115078	1124	9350	5153	94	3015	240196

CHURCH NAMES OF DELEGATES

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Antioch	M M Randolph, N J Benson*	Courtland
Bethany	H W Rockette, E D Rowe, H B Gowan, B R Bell*, J N McLeod*, D W Patterson*	Warriston
Clear Creek	Z A McElroy, M F Walters, T D Childress, E H Barry*	Warriston
Concord	J W Stonger, J M Tatem, J W Higginbotham,	Taylor's Depot
Courtland	A T Hobbs, E G Leitch, Sister A R Caniser,	Courtland
Good Hope	S R Lamb, E M Thier, D E Holman, J D Woodruff, S P Woodruff*, W Smith*	Batesville
Liberty Hill	S A Morris, J M White, Thomas Tyler,	Pope
Mount Gilead	J P Boydston, J J Kottenbush, M R Ham, E W Barton,	Pope
Pilgrim's Rest	J K Roby, T C Wray, W R Grier, J H Collins,	Reynolds
Springport	M G Leatherwood*, L C Pollard, R J McMinin,	Water Valley
Troy	G H Jones, W A Simmons,	Water Valley
Water Valley	C Crosby, Z D Johnson, W S Chapman*	Water Valley
Yellow Leaf	W R Knight*, T H Winter*	Water Valley
Yucana	By letter,	Oxford

* Absent without leave

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